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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER LEE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWIN; MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER TO PRIME MINISTER LEE:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. AS I
DEPART, I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I CHERISH OUR LONG
ASSOCIATION. MY CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD A
SPECIAL VALUE. NO ASIAN STATESMAN POSSESSES A KEENER
MORE PERCEPTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEEP FORCES OF HISTORY.
NONE IS MORE AT HOME DISCUSSING ISSUES OF GLOBAL CONCERN.
I HAVE BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM YOUR SAGE COUNSEL. I LOOK
FORWARD TO SUSTAINING OUR FRIENDSHIP IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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I KNOW YOU WILL FIND MY SUCCESSOR, CY VANCE, EAGER TO CON-
TINUE A FRUITFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. HAPPILY,
CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PROPITIOUS FOR CLOSE AND MUTUALLY BENE-
FICIAL TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. DESPITE THE TRAGEDY
OF SAIGON'S COLLAPSE, RECENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA -- THE RESILIENCE OF THE NON-COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES, THE VITALITY OF THE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMY, THE

GROWING COHESION OF ASEAN -- ARE HEARTENING. AMERICA HAS
WEATHERED ITS WORST CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS WITH ITS
INSTITUTIONS INTACT. AND THERE IS A STRONG RESIDUAL
AWARENESS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT WE HAVE A DURABLE STAKE IN
THE INDEPENDENCE AND PROSPERITY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. MAY
SINGAPORE CONTINUE TO FLOURISH UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NICE INVITATION TO VISIT SINGAPORE.
I HOPE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF IT IN THE NOT-TO-DISTANT FUTURE.
I HOPE WE WILL MEET SOON AGAIN EITHER HERE OR THERE.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQUOTE
KISSINGER

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